

REMARKS

Initially, Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for allowing claims 1-4, 6-38, 51 and 56 of the present application. Applicants also would like to thank the Examiner for his courtesy in discussing the Notice of Allowance with Applicants' representative, Van Ernest of Greenblum & Bernstein, P.L.C., by telephone on April 25, 2006, at which time Applicants pointed out to the Examiner that three references had been inadvertently omitted from Applicants' Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and Form 1449 filed with the USPTO on August 9, 2005, although the Supplement IDS specifically called to the Examiner's attention an Office Action which expressly identified the omitted references.


In particular, in the above-mentioned Supplemental IDS, Applicants identified an Office Action, which issued on April 6, 2005, in co-pending U.S. Patent Application 09/923,351. The Office Action referred to and cited five U.S. patents and one published patent application. Applicants identified the Office Action, one of the U.S. patents and the published patent application, but inadvertently did not list the other four references on the PTO-Form 1449 (one of which was already of record), which the Examiner initialed.

Accordingly, and at the Examiner's suggestion, Applicants are submitting the subject Amendment under § 1.312, Clarification of Record and Form PTO-1449. The three omitted references are identified in the attached Completion of Record and Form PTO-1449, submitted herewith. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached Form and to return a copy of the completed form to Applications, to confirm his consideration of the references. Applicants respectfully submit that the allowability of the pending claims are not affected by the three references.

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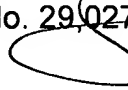
Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this Paper or the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,  
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